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CLASSIFICATION OF ADC
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposed to provide any subsidies and benefits/discounts in fees and levies;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Access Deficit Charges (ADC) is classified as a subsidy being provided only to BSNL; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. BSNL does not provide any subsidies and benefits/discounts in fees and levies.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) ADC regime has been put in place by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to manage the sustainability of operations of the fixed line telecom operators in a competitive environment for below cost services. Unified Access Service Licensees and Basic Service Licensees have been allowed to retain ADC as percentage of Adjusted Gross Revenue of Fixed wireline subscribers and the balance to be paid to BSNL.